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SUBJ: PRESIDENTIAL DIRECTIVE ON NARCOTICS CONTROL ACTIVITIES

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1. THIS MISSION SHARES MY BELIEF THAT NARCOTICS CONTROL IS ONE OF OUR MOST IMPORTANT TASKS TO WHICH ALL RESPONSIBLE OFFICERS DEVOTE DAILY ATTENTION.

2. PARTLY AS A CONSEQUENCE OF OUR PERSISTENT BUT LOW-KEY EFFORTS, THE GUB HAS ADOPTED DECISIVE CONTROL POLICIES AND OPERATIONS AS REFLECTED IN SUCH RECENT ACTIONS AS ADOPTION OF A RIGID DRUG LAW WHICH IS STRICTLY ENFORCED AND SUCCESSFUL OPIUM CARAVAN INTERDICTIONS -- ALL IN PAST NINE MONTHS.

3. BUT THE MAJOR REASON FOR THIS TURN OF POLICY IS THE REALIZATION BY TOP GUB OFFICIALS THAT NARCOTICS IS THEIR PROBLEM AS WELL AS OURS. THIS APPRECIATION EXPLAINS WHY NARCOTICS CONTROL HAS BECOME A PRIORITY TASK OF THE GUB DESPITE SERIOUS ECONOMIC PROBLEMS AND ACTIVE ARMED RESISTANCE TO STATE AUTHORITY. DELIVERY OF THE NARCOTICS EQUIPMENT PACKAGE WHICH WE ARE PROVIDING IN RESPONSE TO GUB REQUEST SHOULD MEASURABLY ENHANCE HOST COUNTRY CAPABILITIES IN THIS AREA.

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4. IN MEANTIME, EMBASSY IS HOSTING FIFTH TRI-BORDER NARCOTICS CONFERENCE, AN UNDERTAKING THAT WE INITIATED TWO YEARS AGO. SUCCESS OF THESE CONFERENCES AS A FORUM FOR INTERCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND IDEAS ON DRUG CONTROL MEASURES, SUGGESTS THAT SIMILAR CONFERENCES MIGHT BE USEFUL ELSEWHERE IN CERTAIN OTHER PARTS OF WORLD.
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